virtue in Law. Thomas Meredith (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivd. in the presence of Benjn. Roberts Joseph Sudler. 14th November 1792 due on this Bond £217.10.0.

On the back of the aforegoing bond were the following endorsements, to wit.

1791. May 30. Received George Jackson Esqr. Assumption - - - £72.19.6.
1791. Octr. 14th Received the balance of John Nutter, Bond - - - 59.10.6.
1791. Novr. Received from John Gatch for Rent 90 Bushels of wheat @ 6/8. 29.5.0.
1792 Novr. 14th Received from Benjn. Roberts - - - 22.10.0.
Received from Jaine Park for 99 3/4 Bus. Wheat - - - 31.2.7.
1793. Febr. 20. Received by the hands of William Ecoine - - - 21.0.0.

And thereupon at the prayer of the said Thomas Roberts by his Attorney it was ordered by the Court that the said Thomas Meredith should affile his plea & answer to the Declaration aft. of the said Thomas Roberts &c. Whereupon the process of & upon the premises between the Parties aft. was continued by the Court here until the second Tuesday of April then next following — And now at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & ninety four here come again into Court the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and the said Thomas Meredith by his Attorney aft. defends the wrong and injury when &c. saith, and says that he cannot gainsay the Action aft. of the said Thomas Roberts so as against him brought, nor can he deny but that the writing Obligatory aft. is the deed of him the said Thomas Meredith, nor can he deny but that he owes to the said Roberts the aft. sum of Eight hundred pounds current money of Maryland, in manner and form as he the said Thomas Roberts against him hath complained. Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Thomas Roberts do recover against the said Thomas Meredith the aft. Debt, in form aft. acknowledged, & also the quantity of six hundred and sixty four pounds of Tobacco, as well for his damages sustained by occasion of the detention of that Debt as for his costs & charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended. Unto the said Thomas Roberts by the Court here with his aft. assent adjudged &c. And the said Thomas Meredith in mercy &c.

James Earle Jun. Clk.

Judgment was rendered in this Action on the 18th day of April Anno Domini 1794. To be released on payment of principal, interest & costs. Stay of Exon till next Court. Payments if any to be allowed.

Thomas Lea's Use against Samuel Blunt & Henry Downes

Be it remembered that the Plaintiff by his Attorney impetrated the State's writ of Capias ad respondendum which issues in manner and form following, to wit.

"The State of Maryland, ss. To the Sheriff of Queen Anne County Greeting. We command you that you take Samuel Blunt & Henry Downes, late of Queen Anne County Merchants if they shall be found in your Bailiwick and them safe keep, so that you have their Bodies before the Judges of our General Court, to be held at Easton in Talbot County, the second Tuesday of April next, to answer unto Thomas Lea of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c as saith. Hereof fail not at your peril and have you then & there this writ. Witness the

honourable Saml. Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the 11 day of Sept. Anno Domini 1792. Issued the 21 day of March 1793. (WS.) James Earle Junr. Clk.

At which said second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred & ninety three, being the day of the return of the aft. writ, here came into Court the said Thomas Lea by William Pilchman his Attorney and the Sheriff of Queen Anne County aft. to whom the same writ was directed made return thereof to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit. Cepi Corpora Thomas Bryan Shff. Queen Anne County" Whereupon came here into Court the said Samuel Blunt & Henry Downes by Richard Tootle their Attorney and thereupon leave was granted by the Court with the consent of the said Defendants to the said Thomas Lea to amend his writ in this Action; and upon this the said Blunt & Downes were ruled at the prayer of the said Lea by the Court here to give Special Bail in the plea aft. whereupon came into Court a certain James A. Blunt in his proper person and became pledge and mainpeper for the aft. Blunt & Downes that if it should so happen that Judgment by the Court here for the said Thomas Lea in the plea aft. against the said Blunt & Downes should be rendered, then the said James A. Blunt, granted that all Damages, Costs & Charges, which unto the said Thomas Lea in this part should by the Court be adjudged, of his Body, Lands and Chattels should be made and to the use of the said Thomas Lea levied, if it should happen that the said Samuel Blunt & Henry Downes the said Damages, Costs & Charges unto the said Thomas Lea should not pay, or his Body in Execution of such Judgment to the public prison of Queen Anne County aft. by that occasion should not render — And thereupon the process of & upon the premises between the Parties aft. was by the Court here continued until the second Tuesday of September then next following — At which said second Tuesday of September, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, here came again into Court the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. whereupon the Process of & upon the premises between the Parties aft. was continued by the Court here until the second Tuesday of April then next following — And now here at this day, to wit, the second Tuesday of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety four, come again into Court the Parties aft. by their Attorneys aft. and the said Thomas Lea by his Attorney aft. affiles his Declaration in the plea aft. against the said Samuel Blunt and Henry Downes, which runs in form following to wit.

Eastern Shore of Maryland } Samuel Blunt & Henry Downes late of Queen Anne
Queen Anns County, to wit. } County merchants were attached to answer unto Thomas Lea of a plea of Trespass upon the Case &c. Whereupon the said Thomas Lea by William Pilchman his Attorney complains that whereas the aforesaid Samuel Blunt and Henry Downes on the first day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety one at the County aforesaid did make their certain note in writing called a promissory note with their proper names & hands subscribed bearing date the day & year aforesaid, and that note unto the said Thomas Lea then there did deliver by which same Note the said Blunt & Downes did promise to pay unto the said Thomas Lea or order on demand the sum of One hundred pounds Current money of Maryland for value of him received, and by reason thereof, as also by force of the statute in such case made & provided the said Blunt & Downes became liable to pay unto the said Thomas Lea the said sum of money according to the tenor of the said Note, and so being liable the said Blunt & Downes in consideration thereof afterwards, to wit the day & year aforesaid at the County aforesaid upon themselves did assume and unto the said Thomas Lea then & there faithfully did promise to pay unto him the said sum of money according to the tenor of the said Note. Nevertheless the said